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SUBJECT: (S) PRC INFORMED OF UPDATED SCHEDULE OF AIR KORYO
FLIGHT OF PROLIFERATION CONCERN

REF: STATE 34278

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.
4 (b/d).

¶1. (S) PolOff informed MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Missile Division Acting Deputy Director He Yi on April 3 of the scheduled change from March 11 to April 11 of a planned Air Koryo charter flight from North Korea to Syria with a stop in Iran. PolOff reminded He Yi that we suspect the aircraft is transporting missile-related cargo in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1718. He urged China to permit over-flight contingent on a full inspection of the aircraft and cargo.

¶2. (S) He Yi said he would immediately report the information to Chinese civil aviation authorities. He noted that North Korea has not sought over-flight clearance from China for this flight.

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